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Re: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING DATA
CONTENT ON A STORAGE AREA NETWORK
Filing Date: February 7, 2002
Serial No.: 10/072,126
Our Ref. No.: MS172076.1/40062.161US01

Dear Examiner Ho:

Faxed herewith is the declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 that we discussed this morning in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Best Regards,

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Attachment: Declaration

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

I, Paul B. Luber, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, a resident of Redmond, Washington, and a US citizen.
2. I have been employed by Microsoft Corporation since May of 2000. My current title is Program Manager. Part of my job responsibilities include product development, and it was in performance of those duties and responsibilities that I became personally knowledgeable of the creation and the distribution of the document that is attached hereto as Exhibit A and entitled "Developing Hardware Snapshot Providers for Whistler" (hereinafter, "the document").
3. The document was not publicly distributed or otherwise disclosed in a non-confidential manner prior to February 7, 2002.
4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 6/28/04

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